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SUBJ: DR. FRANK PRESS DELEGATION: BANQUET TOASTS

1. FOLLOWING ARE THE TEXTS OF THE TOASTS EXCHANGED BY CHINESE VICE PREMIER FANG YI AND DR. FRANK PRESS AS GIVEN AT THE WELCOMING BANQUET FOR THE US SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DELEGATION ON THE EVENING OF JULY 7. IN THE GREAT HALL OF THE PEOPLE. THE PEOPLE'S DAILY JULY 8 GAVE PROMINENT ATTENTION TO THE DELEGATION, WITH NEARLY A THIRD OF PAGE 4 DEVOTED TO DELEGATION ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING THE TEXTS OF THE TOASTS AND A PICTURE OF THE PLENARY SESSION HELD ON JULY 7.

2. FANG YI TOAST: BEGIN TEXT: FREINDS, COMRADES, TODAY, WE ARE HOLDING THIS BANQUET TO WARMLY WELCOME THE US SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL DELEGATION HEADED BY DR. FRANK PRESS AND COMPOSED OF HIGH-RANKING AMERICAN OFFICIALS IN THE RELATED FIELDS.

DR. PRESS' ACADEMIC ATTAINMENT AND HIS CONTRIBUTION TO THE PROMOTION OF SINO-US ACADEMIC EXCHANGES ARE UNCLASSIFIED

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WELL-KNOWN TO CHINESE SCIENTISTS. HE AND SOME OTHER MEMBERS ON THE DELEGATION HAVE BEEN IN CHINA BEFORE. WE ARE PARTICULARLY GLAD TODAY TO MEET WITH OUR OLD FRIENDS AND ALSO TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY OF MAKING NEW FRIENDS.

AS OUR FRIENDS MAY KNOW, THE ENTIRE CHINESE NATION IS WORKING HARD TO LIFT CHINA FROM BACKWARDNESS IN THE

ECONOMIC AND SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL FIELDS. WE ARE ENGAGED IN A NATION-WIDE DRIVE FOR SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL STUDIES. IT IS OUR UNSWERVING POLICY TO LEARN FROM THE STRONG POINTS OF ALL OTHER COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES. THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE ADVANCING IN THE FOREFRONT OF WORLD SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, AND THEY HAVE MANY MERITS TO BE EMULATED BY US. IF THE OBSTACLE OF THE LACK OF NORMALIZATION OF SINO-US RELATIONS IS REMOVED, VAST VISTAS WILL OPEN UP FOR THE EXPANSION OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL EXCHANGES AND COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

THERE HAS BEEN SOME INCREASE OF CONTACTS BETWEEN SCIENTISTS OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES SINCE THE SIGNING OF THE SINO-US SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE IN 1972. BUT IT IS NOT ENOUGH. NEW POSSIBILITIES FOR SINO-US SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL EXCHANGES AND COOPERATION NEED TO BE EXPLORED. WE SHOULD MAKE BIGGER STRIDES AND OPEN WIDER AVENUES. THE VISIT OF THE US SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL DELEGATION TO CHINA PROVIDES A VERY GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR CONTACT AND EXCHANGE OF VIEWS BETWEEN OUR TWO SIDES. TODAY, OUR TWO SIDES HAVE HAD AN INITIAL AND USEFUL DISCUSSION ON SCIENTIFIC-TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION. IT TAKES THE JOINT EFFORTS OF BOTH SIDES TO BUILD A BRIDGE OF FRIENDSHIP. WE BELIEVE THAT THROUGH SUCH EFFORTS POSITIVE RESULTS WILL BE OBTAINED.

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THE FIRST LONG MARCH WE UNDERTOOK FORTY-FOUR YEARS AGO UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF CHAIRMAN MAOTSETUNG ATTRACTED THE SYMPATHETIC ATTENTION OF THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD, OUR AMERICAN FRIENDS INCLUDED, WHOSE SINCERE FRIENDSHIP THE CHINESE PEOPLE WILL FOREVER BEAR IN THEIR MINDS.

NOW A NEW LONG MARCH IS UNDERTAKEN BY US UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF CHAIRMAN HUA KUO-FENG. AND WE SHALL EQUALLY VALUE THE FRIENDSHIP OF ALL THOSE, INCLUDING AMERICANS, WHO TRULY SHOW THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA SOLIDARITY, SUPPORT AND FRIENDSHIP AND GENUINELY WISH TO SEE IT GROWING STRONG.

NOW I PROPOSE A TOAST
TO THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE CHINESE AND
AMERICAN PEOPLES,

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TO THE PROSPECTS OF SINO-US SCIENTIFIC-
TECHNOLOGICAL EXCHANGES AND COOPERATION,
TO THE HEALTH OF US PRESIDENT CARTER,
TO THE HEALTH OF DR. PRESS,
TO THE HEALTH OF ALL OTHER AMERICAN FRIENDS
PRESENT, AND
TO THE HEALTH OF ALL CHINESE COMRADES PRESENT
HERE*
GAN BEI. END TEXT

3. FRANK PRESS TOAST: BEGIN TEXT: MR. VICE PREMIER,
DISTINGUISHED CHINESE FRIENDS, FELLOW AMERICANS --
MAY I THANK YOU FOR YOUR GRACIOUS HOSIPTALITY.
I AM PLEASED TO RETURN TO PEKING AFTER AN ABSENCE
OF FIVE YEARS. PREVIOUSLY, I WAS HERE AS PRIVATE
CITIZEN, A UNIVERSITY SCIENTIST WHO DEEPLY BELIEVED
IN THE MUTUAL BENEFIT TO BE DERIVED FROM EXPANDED
SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGES BETWEEN OUR TWO GREAT NATIONS.
I RECALL WITH FONDNESS THAT VISIT AND THE SUBSEQUENT
CONTACT I AND MANY OF MY AMERICAN COLLEAGUES HAVE HAD
WITH SCIENTISTS AND ENGINEERS OF YOUR COUNTRY. IT IS
A TRIBUTE TO THE VISION, IMPORTANCE, AND EFFECTIVENESS
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OF THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE THAT I SEE SO MANY CHINESE
FRIENDS AT THIS DINNER TONIGHT, FRIENDS WHO HAVE
EITHER BEEN TO THE UNITED STATES OR WHO HAVE HOSTED
AMERICANS HERE. OUR RELATIONSHIP IS INDEED DEVELOPING

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE.

WE ADMIRE YOUR DETERMINATION TO MODERNIZE YOUR COUNTRY. WE WISH YOU WELL. ALTHOUGH WE KNOW THAT YOU INTEND TO REMAIN SELF-RELIANT, YOU ALSO BELIEVE THAT FOREIGN CONTACTS WILL HAVE AN IMPORTANT SUPPLEMENTARY ROLE TO PLAY.

PRESIDENT CARTER BELIEVES THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA PLAYS A CENTRAL ROLE IN THE MAINTENANCE OF THE GLOBAL EQUILIBRIUM. HE RECOGNIZES THAT A STRONG AND SECURE CHINA IS IN AMERICA'S INTEREST. HE ADVOCATES A BROADENED AND DEEPENED SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL RELATIONSHIP WITH YOU FOR OUR LONG-TERM MUTUAL ADVANTAGE. THE PRESIDENT'S BACKGROUND AS A NUCLEAR ENGINEER AND A MODERN FARMER HAS CONVINCED HIM THAT A NATION'S SCIENTIFIC CAPACITY CRUCIALLY AFFECTS ITS ABILITY TO SOLVE ITS AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROBLEMS AND RETRAIN ITS POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE. AMERICA'S INTELLECTUAL VITALITY AND CREATIVITY BENEFITS GREATLY FROM OUR CONTACT WITH SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITIES AROUND THE WORLD. FOR THESE REASONS, THE PRESIDENT REQUESTED ME TO LEAD A MISSION OF OUR LEADING SCIENTIFIC ADMINISTRATORS IN GOVERNMENT TO EXPLORE WAYS OF ENHANCING OUR RELATIONSHIP. I FOUND OUR FIRST DAY'S DISCUSSIONS CONSTRUCTIVE. I BELIEVE A FOUNDATION EXISTS FOR SHARING OUR KNOWLEDGE ON THE BASIS OF RECIPROCITY. THIS TRIP PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP NEW CONTACTS AND ACQUIRE AN ENHANCED UNDERSTANDING OF OUR RESPECTIVE SCIENTIFIC

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COMMUNITIES. I AM CONFIDENT THAT AS A RESULT, OUR ABILITY TO COOPERATE WILL BE EVEN GREATER. WE HAVE MUCH TO OFFER EACH OTHER IN THE FIELDS OF AGRICULTURE, MEDICINE, THE BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES, ENERGY, METEOROLOGY, THE EXPLORATION OF OUR NATURAL RESOURCES, AND THE EXPLORATION AND USE OF SPACE. OUR COOPERATION WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE WELFARE OF OUR PEOPLES AND TO THE CAUSE OF WORLD PEACE.

IN THAT SPIRIT, I PROPOSE A TOAST
TO THE HEALTH OF PREMIER HUA
TO THE HEALTH OF VICE PREMIER FANG
TO THE HEALTH OF OUR CHINESE HOSTS
TO THE COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITIES
TO THE FRIENDSHIP OF OUR PEOPLES. END TEXT.
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